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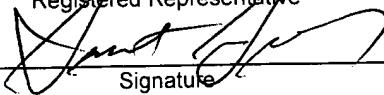
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Morita et al.)
Serial No. 09/822,576)
Filing Date: March 30, 2001)
For: Thin-Film Magnetic Head Having Lower)
Magnetic Pole Layer and Insulator Layer Behind)
The Lower Magnetic Pole Layer in The direction of)
Height of the Pole Layer, and Method For)
Manufacturing The Thin-Film Magnetic Head)
Examiner: David Donald Davis
Group Art Unit: 2652

AMENDMENT A

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
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Dear Sir:

This is in Reply to the Patent Office Action, mailed on October 6, 2003 in
the above referenced application. Applicants respectfully request

Application No. 09/822,576
Reply to Office Action of October 6, 2003

reconsideration, reexamination and allowance of claims 1 – 12 in view of the following claim addition/amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.